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## WHO IS THE SON OF MAN?

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- I. The Son of God.
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- III. The Stainless Sin Offering.
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I call your attention to words of Jesus beginning with John 12:32: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die. The people answered him, We have heard out of the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of Man?"

"Who is this son of man?" This is the question of the ages. This is the question every man must settle and settle rightly: "Who is this Son of man?"

This title occurs eighty-five times in the four gospels. Eighty-three of these times it is so used by the Lord Himself. Our text is one of the other two occurrences.

It is not my purpose tonight to prove the unique character of the Lord Jesus Christ, but rather to simply present Him. You consider Jesus with honest, earnest heart. God will do the proving.

### I. The Son of God.

This Son of man is equally Son of God. He is so according to Peter's confession. "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom

say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:13-16). Jesus plainly approved Peter's answer for He replied, "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

According to Christ's own claims He was the Son of God. I was saved while a student in the University of Nebraska. Soon afterward I enrolled in a course called, "The Bible as Literature." The venerable, white-haired professor told us one day, "Jesus never claimed to be God." That statement shook my faith badly. I didn't know my Bible well enough then to give an answer. I can answer now! What ignorance or deception is in such a statement as the professor made! Christ never claimed to be God? Didn't He? I see Jesus on trial before the high priest. He is silent in the face of His accusers. Finally the high priest demanded, "Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy" (Mark. 14:61-63). What was the blasphemy? Plainly, that Jesus claimed to be the Son of God.

I turn to the fourth chapter of John and find Jesus talking to the Samaritan woman. I hear Him say, "God is a Spirit: and they

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Rev. Norman Lewis

## 'Be Careful for Nothing'

By the Editor

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"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4: 6, 7.

Here is a plain word, "Be careful for nothing." The Revised Version says, "In nothing be anxious." Do not be anxious; it is wrong! Do not worry and fret, it is a sin! John Wesley, great man of God that he was, said, "I would no more fret

than to curse or swear."

"Oh, I do not feel that way," you say, I know you feel like an old unbeliever: you do not believe that God answers prayer, that the Bible promises are true. You do not believe in going to God with your burdens. So you fret and stew like any heathen or infidel.

### WORRY IS A SIN

I say, worry is a sin, a wicked sin. To fret, stew and worry is a sin! Some of you have a boy away from home. If a long dis-

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## Opportunity on Wheels

By REV. BOB JONES, Sr., D.D., LL.D.  
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"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."—Acts 8:26-35.

This is the special verse to which I wish to call attention: "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

Tonight I want to talk to you about a kind of work that every Christian in the wide world can do, one kind of a job you can do for God. Do not try to excuse yourself. Do not say it is not your business, not your work. Every Christian can do this job, the job of personal work.

I am taking it for granted that most of you are Christians; and if you are, it is your business to go out from this service, find sinners, tell them what to do to be saved and then try to get them to do it.

If as you go home tonight you should find a man underneath

a wrecked automobile and he should turn his dying, staring eyes up into your face and say, "Look here, friend; I am dying. I will be here just a minute. I am going out into eternity. Can you tell me what to do to be saved?"—I wonder if you could. I would be ashamed to call myself a Christian if I were not able to tell people what to do to be saved. There are some things in the Bible I do not understand—things too deep, too high, and too broad for me. There are things that I have never grasped, depths which I have never explored. But there is one thing in the Bible as clear as the light of the clearest noonday, and that is the plan of salvation. "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). Any Christian in five minutes' time can sit down and learn what to say to a lost man and tell him how to be saved. You do not have to be a theologian. You do not have to go to school or college. Any ordinary man can go



Dr. Bob Jones

out and tell the lost what to do to be saved.

One morning at our college chapel—I had heard of this being done at another place; it was not original with me. We do most anything we want to at our chapel, so one morning I said, "Now, boys and girls, [that is what I call my students. Of course it is not very collegiate. I should say, 'young ladies and young gentlemen,' but I say 'boys and girls'] get your pencils and paper. I am going to suppose that a man is dying. He will be dead in five minutes. He is on his way to Hell and you are the only person in the world who can tell him what to do to be saved. I will give a Bible to the student in this college who will write the best statement in your own words that you would give to such a man. I want every one of you

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### The Sin of Delay

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## TOBACCO IS ITS USE A SIN?

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

1. Would Jesus Use It?
2. Tobacco Defiles the Temple of the Holy Spirit.
3. Tobacco Hinders Christian Influence.
4. Tobacco Enslaves the Will.
5. Most Spiritual Christians Believe Use of Tobacco Wrong.
6. Tobacco Money Could Be Better Used to Glorify Christ.
7. Whatsoever Is Not of Faith Is Sin: Doubt Makes It Sin.

From Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, a reader of The Sword of the Lord writes:

"Mr. John Rice,

"Dear Sir:

"Would you please tell me if it is a sin to use tobacco. If you know it is, please prove it.

"Yours truly,

"As I prepared to answer this man's honest question, I felt that many would appreciate the same question answered honestly and kindly from the Bible. So here are some Scriptural reasons that convince me it is a sin to use tobacco.

1. Jesus is our Example, and I do not believe that Jesus would use tobacco. We should follow Jesus' example in being baptized, for He said, "Thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:15). So we should live

as Jesus lived. Again the Bible says, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Pet. 2:21). Then Jesus said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). He said also, "The works that I do shall he do also" (John 14:12). And again the Bible says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). These Scriptures prove beyond a doubt that every Christian should try to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and live as Jesus would live. If Jesus would not use tobacco, then it is a sin for us to use it. I cannot imagine Jesus smoking cigarettes, having cigarette stain on His fingers or having tobacco juice on

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## Opportunity on Wheels

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students to be an expert at this business of winning souls."

The papers came in. We sent them through the Bible Department and through the Department of English. A little Episcopalian girl who had just come to college, a girl who had been saved only a short while, wrote the most remarkable statement. I do not remember just what she said, but it was about the clearest statement I ever read in print by a theologian or anybody else on what to do to be saved.

The trouble with most of us who call ourselves Christians is that we have never really surrendered to God. Honestly now, have you ever done it? Are you out and out for God? The trouble with most of us is that we just have not come clean with God. In a way we have given God our hearts and we are trying to trust Him. We hope that when we die we will go to Heaven. Some of you folks have just enough religion to keep you uncomfortable. You are always afraid the Devil is going to get you. You would not want to die suddenly for anything in the world. You are hoping when you go to die you will be conscious and have plenty of time so that if you do not have things fixed, you can fix them. Most of you are going through the world with just enough of Jesus to keep you from enjoying the world and just enough of the world to keep you from enjoying Jesus. A little bit of religion is a very uncomfortable thing.

I remember an old-time country doctor that I saw down South, one of those old quinine and calomel doctors, the kind that gave people quinine externally, internally and eternally! I saw him take a big dose of calomel on a knife, put it on a man's tongue and say, "Swallow it."

I looked at him and said, "Doctor, it is none of my business, but aren't you afraid you'll give that fellow too much of that stuff?"

He said, "No, no; a little calomel will just upset him. A big dose will not make him sick."

"Well," I said, "Doctor I didn't know that was so about calomel but I know it is so about the religion of Jesus Christ." A little dose of it keeps you always nauseated and upset. But brother, when you come clean with God, when you come out and out for God, it makes all the difference in the world.

### God Wants Your Body; Your Hands, Feet, Tongue

Now, let me ask you something: have you ever surrendered to God? Have you ever given God your hands? How many times have you ever lifted your hands when you did not have back of the effort a selfish purpose? Have you ever given God your feet? Wait a minute; don't you dodge tonight! Don't you use your feet just to walk around and attend to your own business? What about your eyes? Did you ever give your eyes to God?

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Don't you use your eyes to see just the things you want to see, the things that delight you and entertain you? Did you ever walk up and say, "God, I want to give You my ears. They are filled with so many sounds, so many words, and so many voices. God, I want to give You my ears. I want You to unstop them so I can hear the cry of the heart that needs God." Have you ever given God your tongue? Oh, these long, mean tongues some of us have! Sam Jones said he knew a woman down South who had a tongue so long she could sit in the parlor and lick the skillet in the kitchen. These long, slanderous tongues some of us have! We are always talking and saying things. Say, did you ever give your tongue to God? God wants your tongue. God has something He wants you to tell people.

Have you ever surrendered to God? People talk about giving God their heart. When you came to Jesus you did not give God anything. When you came to Jesus you came not to give Him your heart but to get a new heart, a heart from sin set free. Now that you are saved God wants you to give Him something. You could not give God anything when you were a sinner. You had nothing to give God but your sins which Jesus Christ bore in His body on the cross. But after you got saved, then you had something God wanted. He still wants it. I will tell you what it is: it is your body.

Around Christmas time in our home we begin to talk about what we want for Christmas. I say to Mrs. Jones, "Do you know what Bob would like to have? Do you know what Fannie Mae [that is Bob's wife] would like to have? Do you know what Bobby III would like to have? What would your mother like to have?" We begin to try to find out what they want so we can get those things. You see, we love each other.

God does not hint to you. Listen! The Lord Jesus Christ stands here tonight—oh, if we only had eyes to see Him! He stands here on this platform. He is right there by you. He is looking into your face and saying, "I saved you one time. I would like for you to do something for Me. You have something I want you to give me. You have something I really want." Listen! How can you resist Jesus Christ? He says, "Here is my brow. I gave that brow for a crown of thorns. I did it for you. And here is My back; look at it. That is what I did for you. These hands of mine—look at them. I did it all for you. Now there is something I would like to have you do for Me. I want you to give Me something. I want your body." Listen, your body is your contact with earth. God wants some feet around Chicago to run errands of mercy. God wants some ears in this city to hear the cry of thousands of hearts that are crying for God even when they do not know why they cry. God wants human eyes to see lost men and human tongues to tell these men the story of redeeming grace.

The Old Testament tells the story of a dead child. Somebody said, 'We had better send for the preacher.' That is the only time some people send for the preacher, when somebody dies, or sorrow comes, or skeletons break out of closets. So they said, 'Go tell the prophet. GO TELL THE PROPHET!' Word was sent to him.

The prophet was busy. He said, 'Here is my rod. Take it and put it on the child.' And while they came back and said, 'Say, preacher, The rod is no good. We laid the rod on the child, but he is still dead.'

The old prophet said, 'I suppose I had better go myself.' He went over there, laid his body down on the body of the child and the child came to life. Listen! God wants your body. He is asking for it tonight. Oh, men and women, if this crowd should ever surrender to God!

You remember that passage of Scripture which says, 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the

mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service' (Rom. 12:1). That passage of Scripture is addressed to Christians. We know from the word brethren that the writer is talking to Christians. He is saying, 'I beseech you Christians to give God your bodies.' What are you going to do about it? Are you going to turn Him down? Are you going to say no to Him? Or are you going to walk up and say, 'Lord, I'm sorry I have been so mean and selfish, but I will give You my hands. They are not much good, but You may have them. God, if they are any good to You, You may have them. And God, here are my feet. I've been running on errands of sin, but now I give You my feet. I am going to start out to run errands of mercy. And my eyes, You may have them, too. [Oh, these eyes have led so many of us astray!] You can have my eyes, God, and my tongue, and my ears—everything else I have.' Let us come clean with God. Let us quit all this shamming business. Listen! Let us quit this humbuggery stuff in this country! Let us surrender our lives to God and come out and out for the Lord Jesus Christ. What do you say?

### God Wants Your Level Best

The average Christian in this town is not doing as much to win souls to Jesus Christ as the average politician is doing to win votes. If you Christians went after sinners like politicians go after votes, you would get souls like politicians get votes. The politicians of this town have the town divided. The political bosses know all the people and who they are kin to. They are organized. They know their job. Here is a man running for office. He goes out to see a certain man. The man is not at home, but he goes back the next day, and keeps on until he sees him. After while he says, "Bill, I am running for office. I want you to vote for me. We are old buddies, you know. We have been in the same crowd. And, Bill, how about your mother and father and your grandparents? You have a lot of kinfolks, Bill." Did you ever do that much to keep sinners from going to Hell? We say that we love Jesus; we are orthodox. We believe all the Bible. Yes, sir, we are fundamentalists. We believe the Bible from cover to cover. You can't put us with that modernist crowd—not us! Well, we do not act like it. We have loved ones and friends who have between them and Hell just little heart beats and we do not seem so much concerned.

A man said to me not long ago, "Heaven is far away and Hell seems like a distant land." Why you Christians do not know how close you are to Heaven. There is just a heart-beat between you and that place. And listen, sinner: if you are sitting back there without God tonight, the only thing between you and Hell is that pump, pump of your heart that may stop any minute. I would hate to think that the only thing between me and Hell was a heart-beat. I bless God that between me and Hell is a cross and on that cross a bleeding Lamb.

You have loved ones and some of your best friends—people who are dear to you—and the only reason they are not in Hell is that their hearts are still beating. And people are dying with heart trouble by the thousands today. Did you know that you are playing at this soul-winning job? We are supposed to have 225 churches in this campaign. If this were a Devil's show people would be hanging from the rafters. Let us say that there are a hundred church members in each of these churches. There are more than that. There are many hundreds of them. There are multiplied thousands of them who believe that God can save men from Hell and take them to Heaven. There are thousands of us orthodox

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Christian people in Chicago. God help us to wake up and get busy. We have the greatest business on God Almighty's earth. Shame on us! God be merciful to us—poor, lazy, good-for-nothing Christians! The last one of us ought to be on our faces before God, begging Him to have mercy on our poor souls. How indifferent we are! How unconcerned we are!

There is a story of an old preacher who walked up to a lady on the mezzanine floor of a hotel and said, "Lady, lady! Are you saved?"

She began to cry. He quoted a verse of Scripture and walked on. A few moments later her husband came and found her crying. He said, "What is the matter with you?"

"Oh," she said, "Dear, the strangest man you ever saw walked up here a few minutes ago and asked me if I were saved."

"Why didn't you tell him to tend to his own business?"

"Oh," but she said, "Dear, if you had seen him you would have thought he was tending to his own business."

Listen! That is your business. Wherever you go, your business is to witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Do you know what your vocation is? Your vocation is your main business in life. Your avocation is a side line. Your vocation is the job of winning souls. Keeping house or filling a job is not your vocation. That is your avocation. Witnessing for Christ is your vocation. May God move on our hearts. May He stir us to our depths! I have been searching my own heart lately. I am ashamed of myself. I am preaching to all of us preachers. We preachers ought to be ashamed of ourselves. You deacons and stewards and elders, you Christian leaders, ought to be on your faces before God, begging Him to forgive you for your laziness and for being no account. You are neglecting your job. If any business in this town had an employee who did not stick to his job better than you Christians stick to yours, that employer would fire the employee. Aren't you ashamed of yourself? I am ashamed of myself.

A man said to me, "Bob Jones, you are killing yourself." Don't tell me that! What is a better way to die than this? Men are wearing themselves out in sin and pleasure and sensuality. Yet you and I are sitting down loafing on God's job—and patting ourselves on the back and throwing kisses at ourselves and thinking we are wonderful! The last one of us in this house ought to be weeping and begging God to pardon us and forgive us for being no good.

In the Bible we read about a big religious gathering, suppose we call it a Bible conference. It was not really that, but that is what we will call it. There was a big convention in Jerusalem. The people were having a big time. Jesus was in town, and He went out to a pool where the angel troubled the water once a year. A man was there who had been a cripple for many years. Whoever got in the pool first after it was troubled always got well.

Jesus look at the man and said to him, "Why don't you get in the pool when it is troubled?"

"I have nobody to help me."

"Where are they?"

"They are over there teaching Sunday School classes."

"Where are they?"

"They are going down the street with a Bible under their arm to hear Dr. So-and-So talk about the Antichrist."

"Where are they?"

"They are going around trying to learn the technique of running a church."

Can't you see them, with a songbook under one arm and a Bible under the other—going up to the temple for a great convention. And this poor cripple is out there just waiting for somebody to help him. He wants to get in. He sees the water troubled, turns his eyes that way and cannot get in because there is nobody to help him. Listen, there are sinners in Chicago going to Hell by the thousands because they have nobody to help them. Don't blame the sinners. Multiplied thousands of them would come to God if we were on the job. You say, "Oh, Bob Jones, we have the preachers, and we supposed. . . Wait a minute. Shut up. Shut up! You cannot get out of it like that. A preacher cannot do your job."

A man said to me not long ago, "Bob Jones, you are doing the work of four or five men. You write for newspapers. You edit a paper of your own. You have all these many radio stations. You have much of the burden of Bob Jones college. You do as much preaching as any other evangelist in the country. You are carrying this heavy load of so many organizations. You are doing the work of four or five men!"

I said, "Don't tell me that. No man ever did the work of more than one man. My work is my dead level best." Your work is your dead level best. You cannot do my job and I cannot do yours. If you do not do your God-assigned task, throughout eternity there will be a job that has never been done. One day it dawned on me that God may have given me a key that would unlock the door of some heart and that I was the only man who had the key. O God, if that is so, please help me to unlock the door! There may be in Chicago some poor sinner that my special, peculiar style will reach and that nobody else on earth can reach. John Rice might get somebody else and Paul Rood somebody else and you somebody else. But we all have a job to do. Jesus said, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations. . . No man can go into all the world. But there are enough Christians on earth that if every man would go as far as he could, we could go into all the world and

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### Some One Will Go to Hell if You Do Not Win Him

Years ago when I was a young preacher, I was holding a meeting in a little town in Louisiana. One day the pastor of a church said, "Bob, I have a funeral to conduct and I must be out of town. Will you go up to the cemetery at ten o'clock and conduct the funeral?"

I said, "Well, I do not know anything about the man."

The pastor said, "Oh, well, he is an old Mississippi swamper who died. He was an old sinner and blasphemer who never entered the door of a church. You cannot say anything for him anyhow. The family just wanted some preacher. You can read some Scripture and pray and that is all you can do."

I went to the cemetery. The coffin was brought in. There were scarcely enough people to bury him decently. He was an old miser. Nobody cares when a miser dies. Even other sinners do not care when an old miser dies, miserly sinner like that dies. As I remember it, there was only one woman at the cemetery. She lived in a home nearby. She had a woman's heart in her bosom. She possibly said to herself, "They are burying something; it must be a human being." She ran out in the yard and gathered some flowers. That was the only floral offering at the grave.

I read the Bible and prayed the best I could. We covered him up with dirt; put him to bed with a shovel. I walked out of the gate of the cemetery and stood there for a moment. I put my arm around his only living son, and said, "My friend, my father died one time and my heart almost broke. I do not know what I would have done without Jesus. I want to ask you if you will not trust Jesus as your Saviour."

He looked at me for a moment. His face will haunt me in eternity. His lips quivered. The muscles of his face twitched and tears started down his cheek as he began to sob. He said, "Mr. Jones, I am thirty years old. I have lived in this community all my life and this is the first time anybody ever took any interest in my soul."

Listen! There are people in your block who will be dead before long and they will tell God that nobody in Chicago ever asked them to accept Jesus. Listen! You could evangelize your block in one day. This city of Chicago could be evangelized, if we were organized, in a week's time. The gospel could be given to practically every home in this city in a week if we were organized. I experimented down South in a rural district one time. I believe we got the gospel to ninety-nine people out of a hundred within a fifty mile area in six months. You could do the job. The trouble is we do not do it.

Don't you want to be a soul winner? The greatest business in the world is winning souls.

You will give a doctor everything you have to operate on your daughter and save her from death. I saw today in the newspaper the picture of that sad-faced father holding his baby, a blue baby. What you would not do to save your baby! But listen to me, the greatest business in the world is not keeping people out of jail and keeping them out of the grave. The biggest business on earth is keeping people out of Hell and taking them to Heaven. Don't you want to be a soul winner? You can be. Every Christian here can be.

### If You Are Willing for God to Tell You What to Do You Will Win Souls

The Scripture that I read to you tonight tells us that the angel of the Lord said, "Philip, go down that road." And he went. He did not stop to argue. He did not talk back to God. He did not say, "Now Lord, I want to ask you some questions. You are not going to call on me to pray in public, are you? I can't do that. You are not going to ask me to do personal work. That is out of my line." Don't you talk back to God. You are to be a witness. You are to go into all the world and preach the

gospel, and Jesus says He will be with you. Don't you talk back to God. You can do anything God tells you to do. Back of God's commands He puts omnipotence. You can sail any sea, climb any mountain, scale any wall when God tells you to do it. I tell my students in the college never to ask where the road leads—just ask, "Am I on the right road?" The right road leads out at the right place. If you will go God's way, you will always make right contacts.

We hear talk about sanctification in this country. Don't be afraid of that word. It is strange how scared some people get. I am not talking just about fuss and emotion. I never used to be a steamboat on the Tennessee River that could not blow and run at the same time. When it would blow it would have to stop running. When it ran it did not have enough steam to blow. I know some folks who cannot do anything but shout. That is all the steam they have. But, brother, if the shouting does not interfere with your engine running, shout! I am not talking about something that sounds peculiar. Don't be afraid of God's word sanctification. Someone has said, "Sanctification is a supreme desire not to want to have your own way." Let me say that again: "Sanctification is a supreme desire not to want to have your own way." How is it with you? Do you want God's way or your way?

Years ago out in Colorado, one Saturday night, I dropped into a tent meeting. I was a young preacher, had led many people to Christ and had a little reputation as an evangelist. But I was an awfully stubborn, determined fellow. Seth Rees, whose son is now up here in Minneapolis, was preaching. I did not know who he was, I had never seen him before. I heard his text and I heard his sermon, and I have never forgotten it. His text was: "If God be for us who can be against us." He said, "We will put it this way: 'Since God is for us, who can be against us.'" It stuck to me. He talked about men wanting their way. At the close of the service I as a young preacher walked up and knelt at that front seat, took the reins of my life out of my hand and put them into the hand of Almighty God. I told God He could have His way with me. I have not been all I ought to have been since that time. I have been blundering along the road, but I am standing here tonight saying, "God, whatever You want, that is what I want. Your way is my way."

At a recent meeting of our board of trustees of our college I said, "Ladies and gentlemen, if Jesus Christ walked in here and told us what to do, we would do it." That is what I call consecration. "Thy will, O God, in my life—not my will."

"Go down that road," the angel said to the eunuch.

### God Opens the Doors, Gives the Results, for Obedient Soul Winners

"All right," the eunuch answered, "I'm going." He went down the road under divine direction. It is wonderful to march under God's orders. It is wonderful to be going the way God said to go. You cannot miss the right road if you are

out winning souls. That is God's way!

He went down and found a man reading the Bible. That is just like God. When God sends somebody out on the job, God gets there first and fixes conditions so the job can be done. I have never had a campaign manager to get me evangelistic campaigns. All my life I have had all I could do. Never has there been a time when I did not have more invitations than I could accept. I have never hunted meetings, but have tried to follow the policy that when I have a job never to think of the next one. Do that one. I tell our students, "When you get into a room, clean up that room where God put you. Don't ask any questions. Just fix the room. When you get that room all fixed, God will open the door and put you into another one. When you get in that room, fix it all up: dust it, clean it, straighten it up. Don't leave any of it undone. When you get that job done, God may move you into a bigger room. This time you may be a little proud and stuck up—you have a big room to work in. If you get stuck up, God may put you in a little attic. If He does, go on and get in there; that is where you belong." Day after day during my life I have been going from one room to another. Some day, if the Lord tarries, I am going to be in a room somewhere. I am going to try to be busy, doing the job. After while it will get a little dark. Something is the matter with the electricity, or maybe my eyes are no good. Things are not exactly right. Oh, the lights are going out, but yonder is a door. No, it is not a door—it is not like any other door. It is a gate—a gate of pearl. It is opening, it is opening! And I am going to move into a room He fixed for me. Heaven must be a wonderful place. If God can turn a sunbeam into a pencil and paint a rose in one springtime, what will Heaven be? Jesus has been there two thousand years doing interior decorating. My room is already there. All He has been doing is touching up the inside of it.

Say, let's go with God down that road. Philip got down there and found the eunuch reading the Bible. Listen, I testify to you Christians that under God's orders you always get results. A man said to me not long ago, "There are invisible results." Some men are good authorities on that kind of results. I know there are invisible results but, brother, I want to see something. There are things I cannot see, but God lets us see things. That is the glory of it.

### God Uses Eager, Ardent, Enthusiastic Service

When Philip saw him reading the Bible, he "ran thither to him." I believe he literally ran. I have never known God to use a lazy man. I have known God to use crippled people, blind people, weak people, sick people. And I have known God to use people who did not have much sense. But I have never known God Almighty to use a lazy man. Study history. The men whom God has used through the ages have been men who got up and hustled. The King's business demands haste.

He "ran thither to him." If you

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My dear Friends:

Read this paragraph from a letter which we received recently: "Enclosed please find post office money order for \$10.00 to help a little in your college building program. How we wish it might be more. We have a little flower garden which we have dedicated to the Lord and all the flowers we sell we give the money to His work. We are an old couple whom the Lord has not seen fit to trust with much of this world's goods, but we have the 'true riches' and are thankful we can have even a small part in His work."

All the flowers in the garden which these dear friends are cultivating for the Lord will wither and die. If the Lord tarries, these dear friends themselves will someday depart to be with the Lord and their bodies will go back to dust. But the \$10.00 which they have invested in helping us train Christian leaders who will go out in the world with a glorious Christian testimony will be producing results throughout all eternity in that land where the flowers never fade. If we just

had about 10,000 friends who would send us just an average of \$10.00 each, it would take the awful financial strain off of us as we are rushing to completion the first unit of the great university plant at Greenville, South Carolina, where we are planning to open school on the first day of next October. Some of you can without any sacrifice send much more than \$10.00. Many of you can send \$10.00 and we believe all of you could send some amount. We are pleading not for ourselves, but we are pleading in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the wonderful young people who wish to attend our institution and later to go out in the world as real Christian leaders. You will help us, won't you? And you will do it right away, too, won't you? We believe you will. So let us hear from you and please keep praying for us.

BOB JONES

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had seen him after that chariot you would have thought he was crazy. A person cannot get a dose of real, old-time religion without some people thinking he is crazy. The trouble is that we have been sub-normal so long we have forgotten that Pentecost is normal Christianity. We have been running sub-normal in this country.

If a baby is a good baby somebody will say, "His parents will never raise that baby, he is too good." When he grows up and gets into sin and goes to the Devil like most people expected him to do, then you bring him to God and he gets on fire for God, they will say, "He is a little bit off balance. He is a fanatic."

When I was a young preacher I used to hold meetings in certain towns, little places. People would write me up in the church paper as "Dr. Robert Jones"—not "Bob Jones." They would say, "Rev. Robert Jones held a meeting in our town for two weeks and did no harm to anybody." Listen brother, I would rather step on somebody's toes and knock somebody out of the way on the road of life and go places for God than to sit down and do nothing! The trains that travel fast stir up dust but they carry the most passengers.

He ran to him. He did not go after that chariot like you go to prayer meeting. Did you ever notice how people go to prayer meeting on Wednesday night? Two or three will come in. Then an old man and an old woman will come in. After while an old fellow comes in, and the pastor says to himself, "Well, we will start; he

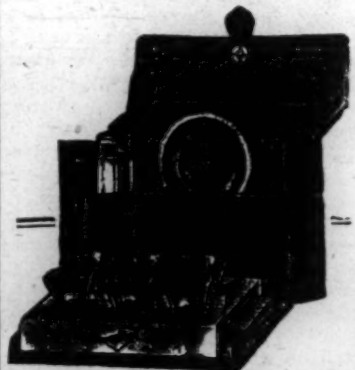
is always the last one." Then he gets up and says, "I wonder if we have anybody to play the piano tonight. Can somebody play for us? Oh, yes, there is Mrs. So-and-So. You come and play for us. Oh, yes, come on. Please. We are going to sing just old songs. Come on." He pleads on with her. Eventually she gets to the piano. Then she slowly sits down and opens the songbook. That is the way most people run God's business. You never saw a theater run like that. The Devil's business doesn't drag like that.

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## TOBACCO--Is Its Use a Sin?

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His chin and smelling as tobacco users smell. However, do not take my word for it, but read your Bible and pray and see if the Holy Spirit leads you to believe that Jesus would use tobacco. If Jesus would do it, then you have a right to. If Jesus would not, then you do not have a right to. It is a sin for us to do anything that is too dirty for Jesus to do.

2. I believe it is a sin to use tobacco because it defiles the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives in the body of every Christian. The Bible says: "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8:9). That means the Holy Spirit. Again, in I Cor-

inthians 3:16, 17, the Scripture says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." This body, then, if you are saved, is the temple of the Holy Spirit of God. God will destroy any man who destroys His temple, the Christian's body. If you are saved, a child of God, then your body belongs to the Spirit and He dwells there. If you sin against Him by defiling this body, then you will shorten your life and will not only destroy the body but are likely to destroy your influence and happiness.

Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your BODIES a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is

your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1). I believe if one sincerely offers his body altogether for the service of Christ, he will see that the use of tobacco hinders that service and offends the Holy Spirit. And I Corinthians 6:19, 20 says: "What? know ye not that YOUR BODY is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your BODY, and in your spirit, which are God's." Does tobacco smoke coming out of your nostrils glorify God in your body? Does the smell of tobacco, on your body offer good testimony for Jesus Christ? We well know that tobacco stunts the mind of the growing boy and girl. It hinders the athlete. It sometimes makes mothers unable to nurse their babies. Many physicians believe that pipe smoking sometimes causes cancer of the tongue, mouth, or throat. In some cases, tobacco affects the lungs, causes hardening of the arteries and affects digestion, according to the best physicians. In my ministry I have known literally dozens of men to quit tobacco because they felt it would please God. In practically every case they immediately began to gain weight, digestion was better, and general health and disposition were better. I say, this has been proven true in dozens of cases that I know about, personally. Anything that so harms the body as tobacco does, must grieve the Holy Spirit who makes that body His temple and commands that we do not defile the body. Since your body belongs to God and you are commanded to glorify God in your body as well as your Spirit, and since the blessed Holy Spirit abides there, if you are a Christian, I believe it is a sin to use tobacco.

3. I believe that the use of tobacco is a sin because it hinders a Christian's influence. If a man has no conscientious scruples of his own about the use of tobacco, then since he is a Christian, he should consider the conscientious scruples of other people for whom Christ died. In I Corinthians 8:9-13 Paul, the inspired apostle of God, says: "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through my knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

Here then is a Bible principle clearly stated. If your example leads others to do what they think is wrong, or if you cause them to be discouraged and lose confidence in your Christianity, then it is a sin. Verse 9 shows that your liberty may become a "stumblingblock to them that are weak," and that would be a sin. Verse 12 says that "When ye sin so against the brethren and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." I know a good many preachers who use tobacco. In every case where it is known it is a stumblingblock. Many mothers say, "I do not want my boy to follow after such a preacher." Some Christians say, "If it is all right for Brother So and So, it is all right for me." And lost sinners say, "What is the use of being a Christian if a preacher smokes just as lost sinners do?"

I know it would be harmful for my six daughters to use tobacco. But if I used tobacco, then my example would teach them that there is no harm in it. So many girls and women do smoke these days that it is very likely some of mine would if they saw their daddy smoking. My wife now nurses our baby girl two months old. (Written Nov., 1937). I know it would be harmful to the

health of mother and child if my wife used tobacco. But if it is all right for me, it is all right for them. I am accountable for those about me. I believe it is a sin for a Christian to use his influence in a way that will cause others to sin.

There is nothing in the Bible that justifies a double standard of morals. What is good for a wife is good for her husband morally. If a woman should keep herself clean, then so should a man. If little children would be harmed by tobacco, then so would adults. I have heard preachers denounce women for smoking, but the same preachers thought there was no harm in men smoking. A double standard is not of God but is a part of this present wicked world.

Christian, you are accountable for your influence, and if you sin against the brethren and wound their weak consciences, then you sin against Christ. If using tobacco has a bad influence on others, then it is a sin. If it wounds and offends the consciences of others who think you do wrong, and so discourages them, and causes them to lose confidence in you, then that is a sin.

4. I believe the use of tobacco is a sin because it enslaves the will and puts one in a yoke of bondage to the lust of the flesh. One of the ways you can know sin is by the way it enslaves. The use of tobacco grows as a habit until one is not free to leave it alone. The thirst for alcoholic liquor grows until the habit of drink is most difficult to break. The use of morphine, heroin, or other narcotics is the same way. The habit becomes so fastened on one that it enslaves the will, and a poor victim is often unable to break the habit without special help from God. Gambling grows on one the same way and the habit becomes difficult to break. Likewise, if one gives way to evil thoughts and lust on the sex matter, it becomes uncontrollable. The whole mind is poisoned and defiled, and one is put in bondage to his lust. All these are illustrations of the way sin works. And the use of tobacco works the same way. It grows upon a man until his will is enslaved. That to me is definite proof that the use of tobacco is a sin.

In Romans 6:12 we are commanded: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." To be controlled by the lusts and desires of the fleshly nature is a sin. Multiplied millions of people are enslaved and controlled by their tobacco habit. Jesus said in John 8:34, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin." If you have become enslaved by some habit, you are not enslaved by righteousness, but you are enslaved by sin.

Did you notice that the enslavement of habit is always in sinful matters and never in righteous matters? No one ever got in such a habit of praying that he could not stop praying. No one ever got in such a habit of being honest that it made a slave out of him. No one was ever in such a habit of loving God that he loved God too much. No one ever got in such a habit of attending church or winning souls or helping others that he was enslaved by it. Whatever enslaves your mind, your will, your body so that you cannot control yourself and your desires, is evidently a sin.

The Bible does not mention tobacco. There was none of it in the Bible lands. It was not known when Christ lived here on earth and when the Bible was written. It came into use among the white

people only when they got it from the Indians, after the discovery of America. So the Bible has no law against tobacco, but as Paul said in I Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." We are under grace, not under law, but every Christian should say with Paul, "I will not be brought under the power of any" enslaving habit or drug or lust of the flesh. The enslaving power of tobacco is such that its use is a sin.

5. I believe the use of tobacco is a sin because that is the consensus of opinion among the most spiritual and useful Christians. The Holy Spirit seems to have led the best Christians to agree on this point. I realize that there are many saved people who love the Lord and who use tobacco. But usually they are not the most useful Christians, not the greatest soul winners, not the best Bible students. A few great soul winners are said to have used tobacco, but the greatest of them did not use it. Those who did use tobacco would doubtless have been far greater if they had quit tobacco. One of the greatest evangelists of a few years ago who held revivals in America used tobacco. One day a mother brought her son to the evangelist and told how the little fellow had said, "Mother, Dr. uses tobacco so why can't I?" The evangelist quit and after that he won far more souls than before. Moody, Torrey, Chapman

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## Opportunity on Wheels

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last Wednesday night. No, they are short one. Old Man So-and-So died this week." He goes on to the picture show and finds it packed and crowded and still others standing in line willing to pay to get in. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves. We ought to run to our houses of worship with joy and thanksgiving.

### Soul-Winning Opportunities Pass Away Soon

Philip ran. Here was an opportunity on wheels. The opportunities of life are on wheels today. A few years ago, about a quarter of a century ago, not far from this spot, old Bill Sunday spoke to his thousands. His dust is sleeping out yonder in the cemetery. I want to go to his grave while I am in Chicago. He is sleeping the sleep of death. Men and women who came down the aisle and shook hands with him and came to God—many of them—are up in Heaven with him. It has not been many years since Dwight L. Moody shook this city. And Chapman moved it and other men moved it. They are dead and gone. Now you are in the first great city-wide, united campaign of this kind for a quarter of a century. What a golden opportunity to touch a city for God! The chariot is passing. Such a chariot may not pass again for another quarter of a century. Personally, I never went to a city with any heavier sense of responsibility. I came here more fatigued than I have been in many years. The most terrific strain I have had in a long time, I have had in recent weeks. But I asked God to give me strength to do my job the two weeks I am here. I do not want anybody's blood in Chicago on my hands. If this campaign does not stamp this city for God, I do not want to have to answer at the judgment seat of Christ.

You have a loved one unsaved. You could get that loved one to this meeting and get him saved. You have a friend. If you would get that friend here, he would likely be saved. I never saw such a percentage of unsaved people saved as we have had here for the last three nights. Nearly every person who comes in here unsaved, finds Christ. You never saw anything like Sunday night's service for the percentage of unsaved people. Last night it was practically a Christian crowd. You could bring the sinners in if you would, and they would come to God. The chariot is passing!

One time in my old home city, Montgomery, Alabama, I went down to a jeweler to have my watch fixed. I went back the next day to get it. A stranger handed it to me. He saw my name on the outside. "Oh," he said, "you are Bob Jones, the evangelist."

I said, "Yes."

He said, "My name is So-and-So. I have just come to the city—just started to work today."

"Well," I said, "I am glad to see you. I hope you will like our town." I stood there and talked to him for a few minutes. Then I started off. I said, "I wonder

why that man wanted to meet me? Some folks run from preachers. I wonder if he is a Christian. I believe I will go back and ask him." But then I said, "No, I am busy today; I will not bother. I will see him some other time." I went on down the street, but as I did, I said, "I ought to go back and talk to that man." But then I felt again, "Well, I am awfully busy today. I will make a little note and when I come downtown in the morning I will drop in to see him. I will ask him if he is saved. If he is not saved, I will try to lead him to Christ." I made a little note, put it in my pocket and went on about my business.

The next morning I got on a streetcar near where we lived and started downtown. I unwrapped my morning paper and on the first page in big headlines I saw where that man that night standing at his desk fell dead. I got downtown as quickly as possible. I rushed in and said to the proprietor who was an officer in the church, "Was Mr. So-and-So who fell dead here last night a Christian?"

He said, "I do not know. He was a stranger in town, just started to work here yesterday morning. I do not know anything about him." I do not know either. I touched that life for a moment, never to touch it again.

Life's opportunities are on wheels. You touched somebody today you will never see again this side of eternity. You sat by somebody on the streetcar; you talked to somebody in a store or shop or factory. You had a chance. You met a fellow-pilgrim on his way to eternity. The chariot passed, and that chariot will never come back to you. O God, forgive us. Forgive us Christians, God.

Are you a sinner tonight? Are you in this service unsaved? If you are, a chariot is passing tonight. It may never come back any more. Today is the day of salvation. Now is the accepted time. Do not let this chariot pass. Get in it. Join yourself to it. Trust Christ. It might be the last chariot that will ever pass.

PRAYER. Blessed Jesus, I feel guilty. This never has been easy for me, Jesus. I don't mind preaching, but it has never been easy for me to do this personal work business. It has always been the hardest thing in the world for me. I do not know whether it was my rearing or what it was, but it has never been easy. I haven't been as faithful as I should have been, and I am sorry. I want You to please forgive me, Jesus; won't You? I do love You. I want to do Your will. All of us Christians love You. The trouble is that we have just been careless. We have been taking You for granted, like we sometimes take our wives for granted or our husbands for granted. Some of us have taken mother and dad for granted, and our friends too. And we have taken You for granted. We haven't been faithful. We are so sorry. Help us to try to say a word for You on our way home tonight. We may contact somebody tonight who needs Christ and whom we could reach. Help us to do it!

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## TOBACCO--Is Its Use a Sin?

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and Sunday did not use tobacco. I have talked to good Christians who use tobacco, useful men who love God; but almost invariably they admitted to me that their consciences told them it was wrong. My father was such a Christian, a devout and useful man, a soul winner. We believe that tobacco hastened his death; certainly it hindered his influence. Equally certain it is that others began the habit following his example. Yet he was so convinced that the habit was wrong that he punished his sons if he found them using tobacco and would have nearly died of shame if one of his daughters or his wife had smoked a cigarette. The practice of Christians does not always show forth the mind of God. But the consciences of spiritually minded, useful Christians is more likely to reflect the will of God. And on this matter of the use of tobacco, the consciences of enlightened, spiritually minded Christians is almost unanimous. Most churches will not have a pastor who uses tobacco. Many, many churches, like my former pastorate in Dallas, Texas, will not have a Sunday School teacher who uses tobacco. The great Moody Memorial Church in Chicago, and many, many others, will not receive a member except on agreement that he does not use tobacco. The enlightened spiritual consciences of millions of Christians say that the use of tobacco is wrong. They must have come to this conclusion by the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is hardly likely that most of the best Christians in the world are wrong on this subject.

In many, many cases the Holy Spirit deals so clearly with people that they give up tobacco as soon as they are saved without a word from any preacher or anybody else on the subject. I have known many who threw away their cigarettes as soon as they were converted. I have known many others who, when drawn very close to God in a revival, turned from the use of tobacco and confessed it as a sin though no one else had mentioned the matter. In such cases the Spirit of God must have spoken to their hearts. I say, I think the use of tobacco is a sin and that the great majority of spiritually minded Christians upon quitting tobacco have reported that they have had the leading of God's Spirit on this question.

Many, many Christians on quitting tobacco have reported that they felt nearer to the Lord than ever before, felt that the Holy Spirit was pleased with the decision they had made.

6. I believe that it is a sin to spend money for tobacco which ought to be spent for something more useful as is so often the case. Monday of this week a man came to me to borrow a dollar. He said he was in actual want, had nothing to eat. The man professed faith in Christ in our services and I baptized him. I believe he is honest and really was hungry. I gave him the dollar which he promised to pay back Saturday night since he was to go to work on Wednesday. But the odor of tobacco on his breath was very, very strong. Without money to buy meals, yet he smoked. Surely it is a sin to use anything that so enslaves a man, and surely it is a sin to use money for indulging the tobacco needed for food.

A few months ago a family was brought to our attention as being in dire need. They could not buy milk for the babies, the father told me; yet he had been spending money gotten from some relief agency, for tobacco. I believe that was a sinful misuse of money.

But those are not extreme

cases. I know hundreds of people who say they cannot afford to tithe and yet they use tobacco. They cannot help the Red Cross and yet they buy tobacco. They have no money for missions, none for religious literature, and yet they have tobacco. The average church member in America who uses tobacco spends more money on that than he does on all the work of Christ. Millions and millions of dollars are burned up in cigarettes by people who claim to be Christians, and yet there are millions of heathen who have never heard the gospel because no missionary was ever sent! Money used for tobacco does no good, and usually does positive harm. If men must give account for every idle word, then surely they must give an account of every misspent dollar. The use of money by a laborer to buy a pack of cigarettes every day is evidently the same kind of sin as the use of money by millionaires to waste on race horses and yachts and champagne suppers. Jesus on this matter commanded us to "make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness," that is to lay up treasure in Heaven by the way we use money. No man does that with the money that is spent for tobacco.

7. I believe it is a sin to use tobacco because of doubt in your heart when you use it. The man who asked me if it was a sin evidently had some doubt, at least, whether it was pleasing to God for a child of God to use tobacco.

If there is a doubt in your heart, then it would certainly be a sin for you to use tobacco, for the Scripture says, "And he that doubteth is damned (held guilty of sin) if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom. 14:23). If you cannot use tobacco in the full faith that it honors Christ, then you ought not to use tobacco. If you do use it without that faith you sin. Is there a doubt in your heart as to whether the use of tobacco would please Christ? Is there a doubt in your mind whether or not tobacco defiles the body or enslaves the will? Do you feel without doubt that Jesus would use tobacco if He were here? Do you doubt whether you should use money for it? Do you doubt about whether it will hurt your influence? If you use tobacco, doubting whether it pleases Christ, then it is a sin, for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Very prayerfully I have given you Bible evidence on this question: Is it a sin to use tobacco? I believe that it is. Most of the spiritually-minded people of the world agree that it is. The Scripture seems clearly to teach so. I urge you to sum up those arguments and weigh them carefully. (1) It is a sin for Christians to do what Jesus would not do since He is our example, and surely Jesus would not use tobacco. (2) It is a sin to use tobacco because it defiles the body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. (3) It is a sin to use tobacco because it hinders a Christian's influence. (4) The use of tobacco is a sin because it enslaves the will and puts one in a yoke of bondage to the lust of the flesh. (5) The use of tobacco is a sin because the Holy Spirit has made that the consensus of opinion among the most spiritual and useful Christians. (6) It is a sin to spend money for tobacco which ought to be spent for something more useful as is so often the case. (7) It is a sin to use tobacco if we doubt whether it is right.

Read the Scriptures mentioned in this article. Then go to the secret place of prayer and lay the whole thing out before God. Ask Him for His guidance. If you really surrender your will to Him, really long to do what will please Him, and put His will first,

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that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he" (John 4:24-26). And still some men say Jesus never claimed to be God! I turn again to John, chapter 9, and read the story of the boy born blind. After Jesus miraculously healed him the lad was thrown out of the synagogue by the religious rulers. Why? Because he refused to call Jesus a sinner. Instead he confounded the critics with his testimony, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on The Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him" (John 9:35-38).

Jesus never claimed to be God? Didn't He? Time would fail us to refer to other statements of His such as, "No man cometh to the Father but by me." "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father." "I and my Father are one." "I came forth from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me."

Yes, this Son of man is also Son of God. He meets humanity's deepest need. That need is for forgiveness. "Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?" (Prov. 20:9). Daniel Webster was a great American. He had one of the finest minds that ever grappled with problems of human life and destiny. Daniel Webster once said, "Such is my sense of my accountability to God, such is my sense of my utter sinfulness, and such is my conviction of my utter incapacity to recover myself, that I feel I must have a supernatural Saviour." This Saviour is Jesus, Son of man and Son of God.

## II. The Seeking Saviour

Modern religion likes to emphasize the evolutionary theory of man's long search for God. But the Bible story is just the opposite. My Bible tells one long story

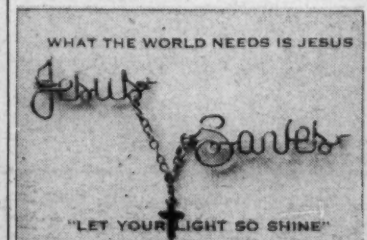
then you will know without a doubt. Do not sin against Christ, against weak Christians, and grieve the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you, and lay that habit on the altar today.

If God uses these Scriptures and the reasons mentioned here to convince you of the sin of using tobacco, and then if He helps you to quit it, will you kindly write and tell me so? It will comfort my heart and I will earnestly pray for you.

(The above is one of three chapters in the booklet, "TOBACCO" by Dr. John R. Rice. Other chapters are:

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of God's seeking man. From the scene in Eden when God came down in the cool of the day to hunt out sinful Adam, calling, "Adam, where art thou?" (and Adam sneaked off and hid in the brush), until the glorious shout in the Revelation, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ" — the whole long story of pathos and pain is a record of God's search after man.

The Son of man is a seeking Saviour. Luke 19:10 says, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." If the Lord has not saved you, you are in the lost multitude. Friend, don't try to escape that classification. Your best claim on Jesus is just the fact that you are a sinner. The Bible always speaks honestly and truthfully. It says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccles. 7:20). Why not own your sinfulness, friend, and let the seeking Saviour get ahold of your life and change your wicked heart?

One day Jesus was eating in a home and many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. The Pharisees immediately became critical and said to His disciples, "Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Matt. 9:11-13). "I am . . . come to call . . . sinners." How wonderful!

I have wandered over the Gettysburg battlefield and viewed its sectors. I have read how a Union soldier, bitter in his hatred for the Confederacy, lay there wounded during the bloody fight. At the close of the battle General Lee rode by, and the soldier, though faint from exposure and loss of blood, raised his hands, looked Lee in the face, and shouted loudly as he could, "Hurrah for the Union!" The General heard him, dismounted, and went toward him, and the soldier confesses: "I thought he meant to kill me. But as he came up, he looked at me with such a sad expression upon his face that all fear left me, and looking right into my eyes, he said, 'My son, I hope you will soon be well.' " The soldier continued, "If I live a thousand years I shall never forget the expression on General Lee's face. There he was, defeated, retiring from a field that had cost him and his cause almost their last hope, and yet he stopped to say words like those to a

wounded soldier of the opposition who had taunted him as he passed by. As soon as the General left me I cried myself to sleep there on the bloody battleground." Believe me, friend, A tender, compassionate Saviour is moving about this auditorium tonight. You may taunt Him, you may spit in His face. But with eyes full of love and heart broken for your sins, He seeks to save your poor lost soul.

## III. The Stainless Sin Offering

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). The Bible tells us that Christ, in your place, offered to God what you never could. He was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners." For you, sinner, He "offered himself without spot to God" (Heb. 9:14). Peter says, "He did no sin." John says, "In him was no sin." Paul says of Him, "Who knew no sin." Calmly Christ challenged His bloodthirsty foes, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" The unbelieving world must grudgingly admit with Pontius Pilate, who tried Jesus, "I find no fault in him at all." That is one great reason why His blood has redeeming power. Peter declares triumphantly, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:18, 19). Why did His blood have such power to redeem? Leviticus 17:11 helps give us the answer, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." At least some measure of the value of the blood can be had by a measure of the value of the life. None other has ever offered such a life to God as did Jesus. "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). R. G. Lee has said, "The blood must be poured from royal arteries. But where is the king? I see many thrones and a great many occupants, yet none seem to be coming down to the rescue. But—after awhile—the clock in Bethlehem strikes twelve, and the silver pendulum of a star swings across the sky; and I see the King of Heaven rising up and He descends! And He steps from star to

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star, and from cloud to cloud, lower and lower, until He touched the sheep-covered hills, and then on to another hill like a skull, bearing His cross with him; and there at the sharp stroke of persecution, a rill, red and holy, rushes down, — and we who could not be redeemed by money are redeemed by precious and imperial blood."

The Son of man was the stainless Sin Offering. That is why He is able to forgive your sins. One day Jesus was in a home in Capernaum seeking some needed rest. A great crowd gathered when they found He was there. Along came four men bearing a litter on which lay a palsied man. Finding the crowd, so great, mounted to the roof of the house by an outside stairway; broke open the roof and let the man down into the presence of Jesus. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?" (Mark 2:5-9). Now notice, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed and went forth before them all; inasmuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion." The bodily healing was the easily provable point, but the forgiveness of the man's sins was the eternally important point. This Jesus tonight offers you forgiveness for your sins.

### IV. The Sure Stairway

In the last verse of the first chapter of John, Jesus says to Nathaniel, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." I used to wonder what that verse meant until I found the answer in the book of Genesis. When Jacob was fleeing from the face of his brother Esau, "He lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows and lay down in that place, to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it." (Gen. 28:11, 12). Nathaniel, like every good Jew, knew that story from the Old Testament. Jesus was saying to Nathaniel, "I am that ladder to Heaven. Hereafter you are going to see Heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." And Jacob's dream and the promise to Nathaniel find unmistakable fulfillment in Jesus. Do you see it? If not, turn to John 14:6 and hear Jesus say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." There is the final answer. Man will never reach God apart from Jesus. And no man ever failed to reach God who came honestly to Jesus. To this add Peter's powerful words after Pentecost: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). You want to reach Heaven, don't you, my friend? Then come to Jesus Christ. Come as a sinner. Come to the sinner's Friend, the sinner's Saviour.

### V. The Sovereign Assize

Who will judge the world? Listen. "Verily, verily, I say unto

you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. And hath given him authority to execute judgment also because he is the Son of man" (Jesus' word in John 5:25-27). You face Jesus tonight, my friend, and you must accept or reject Him as your Saviour. If you reject Him tonight as your Saviour, you will face Him later as your judge. Jesus plainly said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

What a solemn warning! Do you think if you die unsaved you will be judged by a stranger at God's judgment bar? You will not. No, you will face the One you rejected. You will face the One whose right to rule you, you denied.

From Dr. Walter Wilson I got the story of a judge in England. He was a small man, quite unimpressive to look at. He was walking along an unpaved, muddy street one day. There was a local law in town prohibiting one to stop a vehicle on the walk, or to obstruct a pedestrian. A huckster came along. Something went wrong with his harness. He didn't want to get off in the mud, so he stopped his wagon on the walk and got out to fix his harness. Along came this little man who said to him, "I am sorry, sir, but there is a city ordinance against this. Let me ask you, please, to move off the walk and let me pass by." The huckster sneered at him and said, "Get off in the mud yourself, I am not going to get my feet dirty. I care nothing about the ordinance, you get off yourself." The little fellow said, "Very well," and he walked around the wagon. He found a police officer; the officer saluted him. He said, "Go down and arrest that huckster and bring him in before me tomorrow morning." The next morning the huckster came in. He was going to make an excuse, but to his great horror when he looked up at the judge — tell me what excuse do you think he made? Do you think he said he didn't do it? No, No. He saw that the little man he had chased off the walk was the judge, and his mouth was stopped.

You see, my friend, you cannot always dodge Jesus Christ. He gave Himself for your sins. He loves you and wants to save you. But remember, God put Him on a throne. And God "hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Oh, I invite you tonight to Him who loved you so and who proved His love as He poured out His precious blood to save you. Make a clean breast of your sins to Him and trust Him now, once and forever.

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Even though I was a regular attender at church, I didn't realize I was a sinner and needed salvation. I thought every one was going to Heaven in the end, no matter what they did.

I was filled with joy after reading your books to know there was hope for me. Very soon I started living closer to the Lord. I had even already repented and been baptized supposedly. But I never did live a Christian life or intend to. Your books saved me,

with the Lord's help, from cigarettes, drinking, card-playing, drinking, dancing, wild parties, motion pictures and many other sins.

I have taken a complete about face. The Lord has called me to do His work and I am planning now to go to one of God's Bible schools when I graduate.

In spite of all my happiness, there is one sad spot. My father is a heathen. He doesn't believe the Lord is his Saviour or there is even a Lord. He believes the Bible is a book preachers use to lure other people into their power. He won't let me read the Bible; when he sees me reading it, he makes fun of me.

My one hope is to have my father a Christian. The happiest day of my life would be to see my father in the pulpit, Brother Rice, do you know any way I could bring him closer to the Lord?

People think it is peculiar to see such a young person (I am fifteen) living a Christian life. But I give them your books to read and they agree that no one is too young to see the light. Please help me find a way to bring my father to the Lord.

Yours in Christ,  
A. A.

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lance telephone call came, you would just know that he had had an automobile wreck and was dying in the hospital. Shame on you! You claim to be a Christian, and yet have no faith in God, no peace in your heart. You do not have anything the Devil's crowd does not have. If as a Christian you have nothing to make you happy and satisfied and trustful, then you surely have missed the point that God wants to make clear to you. A Christian can be happy, a Christian can be free as air. I know we should be burdened for sinners, but there is no reason for a Christian to worry and fret. That is a sin, and plainly forbidden in the Bible!

The Scripture in Philippians, chapter 4, says, "Be careful for nothing." In Matthew, chapter 6, Jesus says,

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air; for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) I A better way to say that is, 'For after all these things do the heathen seek.' That is the way it is really meant here. Heathen people worry, Christians do not need to worry.] For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."—Matt. 6:25-32.

Here the Saviour says, "Quit worrying." It is a sin to worry. Don't worry about making your hair white or black—you cannot change it. You need not worry about how tall you are, for you

cannot change that. You need not worry about how long you are going to live, because that is in the hands of God. You certainly do not have to worry about what you have to eat. Our heavenly Father feeds the sparrows. "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Luke 12:6, 7). Every hair of your head—God has a record of it. We have a pretty good record system in my office, but we do not have any record system like that, like God has. God says, "The hairs of your head are all numbered." This morning you combed your hair and two hairs came out in the comb. God said, "All right, Angel; change the record there; there are two gone." God keeps a record up in Heaven; "The hairs of your head are all numbered." If God looks after you like that, don't you think it is a shame and a disgrace for you to fret and stew? I say to you, worry is a sin!

You do not need to worry about clothes. Did you ever notice how God clothes the flowers and takes care of them? I have been glad about the way people have sent in flowers to Dr. Reveal and Mrs. Reveal. They have spent so many years in the Lord's service and the fragrance of their sweet ministry has gone all over this country. But if God takes care of the lilies of the field, and Solomon in all his glory never was dressed up to go to the temple as these flowers are — if God takes care of the flowers, won't He take care of His own dear children who are bought by the blood? What a wicked sin it is to fret and stew and worry! The Bible says to be careful for nothing. Don't worry! Don't worry; it is a sin! Don't be fretting; that is wrong!

"How can I do it?" you say. Well, here is the way to get peace of mind so that you do not ever have to worry. The Bible has the answer to every problem, and here is the answer to all you stewers and worriers and fretters — you bunch of unbelievers, you people who make God out a liar, you people who contend God does not

answer prayer. Aren't you ashamed of yourself? You are a disgrace to the name of Christianity, you who stew and fret and worry, you who do not have any faith, and do not have any peace.

Somebody said to me not long ago, "I was afraid—I would have a nervous breakdown."

I said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself, a Christian talking that way." A Christian has a lot better to do than have a nervous breakdown. I would just say, "I will put my trust in the Lord. I will rest in the Lord. He cares for his own."

### Pray About Everything

"How can I avoid this worry and stew?" you say. Notice what the Lord says; "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer an supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

"How can I get over my worry?" PRAY. Pray about every thing! You say, "Pray about every thing?" Oh, yes. I used to think it would be all right to pray about big things, but the little things—it would not be right to bother God about them.

We are all very much like the little eight-year-old boy whose father was a traveling salesman. The traveling salesman, leaving home, said to the little boy: "Now son, be sure to take good care of Mother. You are the man of the house now, son, so take care of Mother."

"All right, Dad."

So that night the little fellow was saying his prayers and he said, "God bless Grandma and God bless baby sister and God take care of Daddy; but never mind about Mother, God — I'm taking care of her." That is the way we poor Christians are. We say, "Well, some things I will ask the Lord about and some things I will take care of myself." Why don't you take everything to the Lord in prayer?

We Christians remind me of a man who was going down a highway one day. He had a big sack of potatoes on his back. As he went down the road, stooped over with his load of potatoes, a man came along in a spring wagon, his team trotting along. He stopped his team and said, "Hey, neighbor, get in and ride."

"Oh, I hate to bother you."

"No, get in and ride." So he got the man up in the wagon.

He sat on the spring seat, still carrying his big sack of potatoes on his back. The farmer who gave him a ride said, "Say, put down your load, brother, and rest easy; put down your load."

"No," he said, "it is bad enough to impose on you by asking you to haul me—I wouldn't ask you to haul my potatoes, too." And so he

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## "Be Careful for Nothing"

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kept the load of potatoes on his shoulder. Now do you think the God who gave His Son to die for you to keep you out of Hell can't carry your burdens, too? "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? (Rom. 8:32). If God loved you enough to give you salvation, don't you know He loves you enough to give you potato soup and enough to give you daily bread and enough to give you a job or give you help when you are sick? Take your burden to the Lord. Pray about everything! Take everything to God in prayer.

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,

Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

So let's say, "I am going to pray about everything and I will not worry about anything."

You ask, "How can I cure this worry?" Pray about everything, "with prayer and supplication." "Well," you say, "I have prayed about it and I still worry." All right, you need to pray some more. Supplication means begging. Supplication means staying right there on God's doorstep and rattling the door knob and saying, "Lord, I am not going away until you answer me." You remember Jacob met the angel and said, "I have to go meet Esau tomorrow. He is coming with four hundred armed men to kill me. He swore he would twenty years ago, and I am afraid to see him."

The angel said, "Turn me loose, Jacob; I have to get back to Heaven; daylight is coming on. Turn me loose!"

'No,' Jacob said, 'I will not let thee go except thou bless me' (Gen. 32:26). And he just would not let him go. So then Christians ought to learn to say, "I'm going to wait on my heavenly Father.

If He is not ready to do it now I will wait thirty years." Not any of us are too important to wait in the ante-room for our heavenly Father. So let us learn to wait "with prayer and supplication." That is the cure for worry.

### "With Thanksgiving..."

Wait, there is another word here. You ought to have peace. My, how good this word is for the close of the old year, "with thanksgiving." By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Oh, how we ought to be praising God! I had a letter from a good man the other day. He sent me \$10 to get out some Christian literature. He is a dear friend I knew a long time ago. I won him to Christ over the radio down in Dallas, Texas, and later baptized him. He wrote me the other day and said, "Brother Rice, since that day you talked to me in 1935 in your study I have never taken another drink of liquor and I have been so happy. How good God has been to me. For twenty-four years I have never missed a day of work, have had good health, have had peace in my heart. My home is happy. And both my boys, my son and my son-in-law, came back safe from the Army. I sure ought to praise God. Here is \$10 as a token of my gratitude to God." We surely ought to be thanking God these days. How good God has been; how careless and neglectful we are!

So you want peace of heart? Well, then, pray about everything. Quit your worrying, pray about everything. Wait before God with supplication, and then, last of all, thank God. Do you know why you do not have the light in your heart and joy in your eyes? Do you know why you do not have a glow in your soul? Do you know why you do not have the old-time joy of the Lord? You poor old stingy, good-for-nothing ingrate! You never do thank God. You never count

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"Well Brother Rice, this went on for two weeks. But it seemed like an eternity to me. I wanted to be saved more than anything else in this world. But I knew I couldn't make God save me, and if He gave me what I deserved, He would send me to Hell. For I know I didn't deserve to be saved. It was only God's merciful grace and Christ's redeeming blood that could save me. This was April 15 when I woke up and found myself lost. On April 30 I went to another revival, all disturbed and broken-hearted. The pastor asked if any one would raise their hands for prayer and say they knew they were lost. I raised my hand at once.

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sing, 'Just As I Am' my heart turned over in my body and I was up to the front right then to take my stand for Jesus. My husband, my superintendent, and my friends were there, but I didn't care; I wasn't ashamed for them to see me. I wanted to be saved. I told this pastor I already belonged to the church but I knew I wasn't saved.

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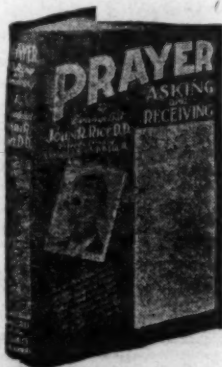
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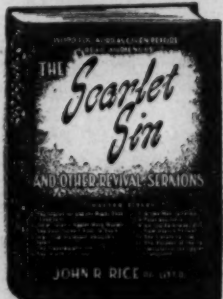
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